

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

809

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/25/1991

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 1 17c. Partially Closed 1 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

Purpose

Review of Intramural Laboratory

Review of Intramural Laboratory

Start

11/06/2017

03/22/2018

End

- 11/06/2017

- 03/22/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$2,600.00 \$2,600.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$72,717.00 \$74,098.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$4,355.00 \$4,412.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$4,703.00	\$4,797.00
18d. Total	\$84,375.00	\$85,907.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.50

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. This Board assesses the quality of the Institute intramural research programs and evaluates the productivity and performance of staff scientists, necessary functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and staff scientists in the areas of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech and language. The Board continues to provide indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the science management of the intramural research programs. In addition to the formal meetings for peer review of each laboratory, the chairman and individual Board members are frequently consulted for advice on staff appointments and program development.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of eight members who are outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the specialized fields of otolaryngology, molecular biology, neurochemistry, molecular genetics, immunology, cell biology, voice-speech sciences, and the vestibular system. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories and consultation with the Scientific Director, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Board met two times during this reporting period to assess the progress and future direction in the Division of Intramural Research, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD). The Board met on 11/6/2017 and 03/22/2018 for the peer review of NIDCD intramural laboratories as required by the PHS Act.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Board is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the Board were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review Reports: The committee did not produce any public reports during this fiscal year. Member Lisa Goodrich resigned 8-6-18

Designated Federal Officer

ANDREW J. GRIFFITH SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
CASSELBRANT, MARGARETHA	07/01/2015	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
FEKETE, DONNA	07/01/2014	06/30/2019	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GOODRICH, LISA	07/08/2018	08/06/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GROVES, ANDREW	07/01/2015	06/30/2018	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LI, JIAN-DONG	07/01/2018	06/30/2023	DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MANIS, PAUL	11/13/2017	06/30/2022	THOMAS J. DARK DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MELLO, CLAUDIO	07/01/2013	06/30/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
RAIBLE, DAVID	11/13/2017	06/30/2022	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SPINNER, NANCY	07/01/2015	06/30/2020	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
TUCCI, DEBRA	07/01/2018	06/30/2022	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

The mission of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) is to assess the quality and progress of the Institute's intramural research programs, the appropriateness of resources assigned to the scientists and their proposed future research, and to evaluate the productivity and performance of staff scientists. Section 402(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act states that ...the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492. Section 492(b) states that the Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health. Each scientist is reviewed at least every four years. This process is essential to maintain the excellence of science in the intramural program. The reviews of the scientists have been thorough and objective and have played a major role in establishing and maintaining the excellence of the Intramural Research Program.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

60

Number of Recommendations Comments

Board members reviewed and approved two tenured scientists. The results of these site visits are highly confidential as they address staff productivity. The Board provided advice on issues concerning program planning, policy formulation, and resource allocation to the Institute's intramural laboratories and branches. The number of recommendations is from 2003 forward.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

In response to the committee's reports, the Executive Secretary provides written comments to the members specifying how the intramural program will consider and/or administer each of the committee's recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A